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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.



STATE OF MAINE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

It has ever been the custom of our Christian Government, at the close of the harvest season, to call upon her people to render thanks and praise to God for His many mercies to His dependent children.

We continue to enjoy the priceless blessings of free government. The principles of civil and religious liberty, and of the rule of law, are safe and sound, still precariously resting upon our favored land.

Providence has dealt kindly with our beloved State, her people, and her institutions, and there is abundant reason for offering thanks. I therefore, with the advice of the Executive Council, designate

Thursday, the Twenty-sixth day of November, instant, as a day of

Thanksgiving and Praise.

Refraining on that day from all unnecessary labor and business, let us, in the temples of worship, and at the family fireside, offer grateful thanks of praise and song for God's gracious favors.

And to the reunions of families, kindred, and friends, may the love of home and the affection for our Commonwealth be strengthened, and may our countrymen, in our families, fraternal and affectionate, show of charity and kindness towards the poor and unfortunate.

Given at Augusta, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and twenty-first.

HENRY B. CLEAVES.

By the Governor.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN,

Secretary of State.

People for Protection.

The Democratic New York Sun states a truth very forcibly when it says:

The fact is that protection, as was proved by the treachery of every leader in the Democratic tariff legislation, is no longer wanted. The party must thank Heaven that in the country's recent terrible crisis the protectionist sentiment changed to be arrayed on the side of national honor and order.

This vigorous statement was called forth by the editor in certain newspapers that the tariff issue was settled with the election of Cleveland four years ago. The Sun recognizes and has the honesty to state the situation as it is. Nothing could be clearer than the fact that the people of this country believe in a protective tariff. Even the Democrats were forced to admit it when, as the Sun says, they abandoned their platform declarations when it came to the adoption of a tariff bill. In the campaign just closed instead of being an element of weakness, as some of the Democratic papers pretended, the tariff issue was a tower of strength.

Since the election which resulted in a signal victory for protection and sound money business is starting up everywhere in anticipation of a policy that will have for its end adequate revenue for the Government and a substantial defense for home industry. The New York Journal of Commerce has tabulated the dispatches received from Wednesday, November 6, to Monday afternoon, November 9, showing that 20 establishments had started work after the election, and 124 others had increased their working force or hours of labor. These include 112 establishments in iron and steel, 21 in machinery, 21 in wood-ware and lumber, 21 in woolen goods, 21 in clothing, 16 in glassware and pottery, 10 in carpets, 3 in boots and shoes, 2 in cotton goods, 2 in cordage and 126 in other branches not classified. Over 100 more have since been mentioned in telegraphic dispatches, and yet no attempt to ascertain the number of establishments starting up appears to have been made in any one city, nor have dispatches been received from the hundredth part of the cities and towns where industrial establishments exist, subject to precisely the same conditions. With the many offices of work actually begun there are many more of preparation to start work as quickly as possible. The works have been accumulating orders, many of them conditioned on the result of the election, and these, with the replacement of dealers' stocks throughout the country, will give their employment for a time. Before that impasse has passed they hope for a restoration of defenses for American industries against foreign competition, which will give still larger and lasting employment to works in many branches, and by the increased purchasing power of workers thus employed will greatly swell the demand for all products, and for all mechanics and artisans, transporters, clerks and common laborers.

What Democratic Papers Say.

(From the New Haven Evening Register.) And now that it is all over, and Bryan and his followers are threatening to keep up the agitation, these same silver-shiters point mysteriously to the election of 1860. No one need be alarmed at their threats. The evidence of their overthrow is complete. Bryan and free silver are dead issues, and we have heard the last of progress through confusion.

(From the Buffalo Courier.)

It is practically impossible to separate Mr. Bryan from Algedon and Tulman. It is a fact, however, that throughout the recent campaign Mr. Bryan over and over again proclaimed his adherence to every declaration of the Chicago platform. Repeatedly, solemnly, and without qualification, he fervently pledged himself to be faithful to every provision embodied in that platform. The sincerest of his plighted was not questioned.

(From the St. Paul Globe.) He says that he stands to-day where he stood, throughout the fight, and he calls upon his supporters to renew the contest at once. In this enterprise will he have the direct or indirect encouragement of these Democrats who voted for him, but at the same time insisted that they did not accept the Argonauts and the Populists of the platform? The reply to that question has an important bearing upon the future politics of the country.

(From the St. Paul Globe.) In some respects the confidence which Mr. Bryan has learned since his defeat in the first silver-shiters of the country is his best guarantee of his future success.

(From the Atlanta Journal.) The entrance of Atlanta into the Democratic party has been a most important

ought to come back into the Democratic organization effected at Indianapolis. Now that the passions of the contest are subsiding, it will be plain to all men except Populists that the Indianapolis platform embodies the true principles of Democracy. If they are Democrats, it is time for them to get on that platform, if they have not already done so.

(From the Rochester Union and Advertiser.)

The Union on Thursday printed the pronouncements of John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, over his signature. Yesterday it gave that of William J. Bryan over his signature. And to-day in the despatches it presents that of Benjamin R. Tillman — the same Benjamin R. Tillman who in a speech at Philadelphia declared the intention to "take the Supreme Court of the United States by the throat and shake the life out of it." This trinity of control in the Chicago convention proposes to continue the propaganda of the Chicago platform.

We ask Democrats to carefully peruse and thoughtfully consider all three in the light of recent events and say whether they desire to enlist under the Algedon-Bryan-Tillman banner thus unfurled to the breeze for political operations in the future, or whether the time has not arrived for return to the standard of Jeffersonian Democracy.

(From the San Antonio Daily Express.) Mr. Bryan and other Populists leaders may lower themselves back into private life with assertions that their cause is still alive, and that the fight will be continued, but the free and unlimited coinage of silver received its quietus for all time on Tuesday last.

(From the Mobile Daily Register.) Mr. Bryan and others are telling us to stay the Democratic party and down the Republicans in 1900. One man's opinion is as good as another's in this regard, and we are entitled to express ours, which is to effect: The Democrats of this country will have to learn, as truths, those things before they can ever again hope to control the Government of this republic.

That bimetallism, or the concurrent use of gold and silver coin at a parity, is a myth.

There is no natural antagonism between labor and capital.

That socialism is negation of progress, and that progress is the keynote of the republic.

That the Federal Government has the right to execute its own court processes.

That the credit of the United States must be sustained.

(From the Memphis Commercial Appeal.)

The Democratic party is not yet ready to abandon its own integrity and national solidarity. It is in no such distress as would cause it to abandon its traditions and principles and follow a new flag, and if it were looking for leadership it is not at all likely that so mercurial and unstable a party as the Populists would be chosen.

As to Senator Butler's contention that the agitation of the silver question should continue for the next four years, the only reply to such a proposition is: "Rats," with a prolonged and thundering accent on the sonant sibilant. The country has had enough financial agitation, and what is needed now is peace and an opportunity to work. The Butlers, Tillmans and other professional agitators must go into retirement.

(From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Above all we say to the Democrats, stand by the old party and its old principles.

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